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LET HIM STAY THERE

One of the Bergdolls, perhaps the most officially exasperating of our slackers, though not so nauseating as some of the "conscientious" has been adopted as a citizen of Germany. That's quite natural, since according to fighting Germans and not aversion to fighting anybody, was Bergdoll's excuse for evasion of the American duty.

Amputation inevitable is the tale about "American Army officers" seeking to kidnap Bergdoll out of Germany. Of course, Bergdoll is wanted by military justice and as the army's duty is to seize him if encountered. But we can no more imagine any decent American soldier going out of his way and where he has no business to capture Bergdoll than we can imagine him going out of his way to take alive a four-legged specimen of Memphis Americanism.

As Bergdoll is in Germany, that's where he belongs, and if he can be made to stay there that can't hurt us, and may do him the sort of good that having to live in Russia is reported doing Emma Goldman. He may, for instance, be compelled to work for his living if he had had that experience in youth here in his native land, it's quite probable that he would not have become the defendant in an American citizen's duty he is.

BIDDING FOR BOOTLEGGERS

We would not unwillingly believe imputations that the motives for Los Angeles' local Volstead-Harris act were mercenary rather than moral. But here's the Los Angeles Times' account of them:

"Adoption of the dry ordinance does not mean that the city government is hopeful that the illegal liquor traffic will be squelched. Such is not the purpose of the ordinance. The town needs the money that will come in fines from the violators of the law. If the fines collected show a profit over the expense of enforcement the prohibition law can be said to be a great success. The city council is not exactly encouraging bootlegging but they are hoping for lots of it, because their primary purpose is admittedly to raise money, of which the city is in desperate need."

This is, indeed, distressing! According to its own leading newspaper, the Township of Our Lady the Queen of Angels is bidding for the activity of bootleggers as a desirable addition to their local industries!

Let us change the subject. Isn't the weather this winter just won'tful? Also the profits of the railroad growers.

SUPERFLUOUS COINS

The senate has passed, and the house coinage committee has favorably reported, a bill to revive the 2-cent piece and adorn it with the features of Theodore Roosevelt. No normal American objects to doing honor to the memory of Roosevelt in any national manner. But who wants to be bothered with an addition to our present coinage?

We used to have 2-cent pieces. They do not seem to have circulated in the far west much but men of 50 and upward whose youth was spent east of the Rockies probably remember them. Their coinage ceased about 1870 and their gradual disappearance cannot be recalled as arousing any popular regret.

With 1, 5, 10, 25 and 50-cent coins we have all the change-making facilities we need. In fact, quite a lot of people think the silver dime could well be spared, as in the dark it is hard to distinguish by "feel" from the cent. No one misses the 3-cent piece we used to have, of either nickel or silver. Why bring back the 2-cent piece, thus adding to our stock a coin once discarded after trial as superfluous?

BILLIONS TO BOOTLEGGERS

The Anti-Saloon league announces that irrigation of the American West decreased from 60,517,379 barrels of beer and 35,647,965 gallons of whiskey in 1917 to 2,231,280 barrels and 3,281,553 gallons of those beverages in 1920. Also that the American people thus "saved" over a billion dollars.

The irrigation meant, of course, only that which came under the official sanction of the internal revenue bureau. In view of the reputed activities of moonshiners, rum runners, home-brewers and bootleggers, we must doubt whether the humidity was quite as low as officially recorded.

Also in the light of the price tales told by most of our bibulous friends the thought will intrude that the billion said to have been "saved" went into the savings bank accounts of bootleggers only.

LAST DAYS OF JOSEPHUS

When the public first heard of Josephus, He posed as the pious exponent of a doctrine that threatened to leave us.

Exposed to each jealous opponent He was urging most strong limitations. On the building of battle-ships, gray, quite regardless of what other nations.

Might have done to prepare for the fray. With the league of the nations we feared.

By the ballots of women and men. He reversed his opinion and treated. The poor world to a shock with his pen.

Poor Josephus through whose contemplation.

Convinced that a navy was needed To protect the U. S. isolation.

Urged one that no others exceeded.

But he's now had another conversion. Quite distinct from the first two, were told;

Our Josephus displays an aversion To the building of type that are old.

He is asking an expert committee To design him the kind of a boat that can bring only feelings of pity.

For all foreigners' navies afloat.

Let us not interfere with his ravings. Let him flap once again if he must.

When the Fourth brings us satisfied cravings.

We won't see old Josephus too dust.

Other hands will take charge of the steering Of the ships both of war and of state.

While the people will keep up their cheering For a good old Republican state.

SLOGAN IS SUGGESTED

Realizing that one of Nevada's greatest advertising features is its wonderful sunsets, W. H. Goodin, president of the Overland Trail club, is writing to the various commercial organizations in the state, urging them to adopt the slogan, "The Land of Beautiful Sunsets." He has asked that the slogan be used on the stationery of the commercial clubs, and that it be used in the general advertising campaign—Gazette.

LOOKING FOR LOCATION

T. F. Dunn, undertaker of Goldfield, arrived this morning and is looking up the possibility of a future business location here. Mr. Dunn is father of Frank Dunn, district attorney of Tonopah Silver State.

OLD BOOKS WANTED

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MAY RECLAIM 100 MILES OF LAND NEAR CHICAGO

By Associated Press
CHICAGO, Feb. 5. Reclamation of the foreshore on Lake Michigan in the Chicago district would provide nearly 100 square miles of land for wharves, warehouses and port facilities, according to a report submitted to city officials by Colonel W. V. Judson, district war department engineer.

The report calls attention to the fact that ocean liners may dock at Chicago's wharves within the next 15 years. If the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence river channel project is carried out. Such an outlet to the Atlantic would connect Chicago with the sea routes of the world. The land miles of southern Illinois and the cotton belt of the south will feel the touch of Chicago commercial endeavor through an eight-foot barge channel to the Mississippi. "Never before did it seem so fair to point out in prophecy a region where there must inevitably and soon be established the world's greatest port facilities," the report says.

The foreshore of Lake Michigan fronting Chicago slopes very gently lakeward, the report continues, "so that the seven-fathom contour is four miles offshore. This means that in our submerged lands, all public lands owned, the Chicago district possesses nearly a hundred square miles, any part of which it is within the power of man to raise into land. This is an asset of almost incalculable value."

Reviewing the sections of Chicago's lake front, Colonel Judson points out that Lakes Wolf and George lie close to Lake Michigan on the Illinois-Indiana line with six square miles of marshy land adjacent. This section "offers the greatest opportunity in all this region for the creation of wharf facilities of a character, magnitude and location suited to the demands of the future," the report says.

General plans for these harbor facilities, Colonel Judson said, have been approved by the war department, which is charged with studying harbor conditions under the cash-commis law.

FINDS INDIA TIGERS ARE VERY EASY GAME

By Associated Press
PARIS, Feb. 5. Former Premier Clemenceau, the tiger of France, found the tigers of India easy game. Writing to a friend about the two he bagged at the foot of the Himalayas in northern India, Clemenceau said:

"These tigers did not put up much of a fight. I shall refrain from killing any more lest I run afoul of the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Tame Animals."

MOST ALL ANIMALS DIE OF STARVATION

BUDAPEST, Feb. 5. Eighty per cent of all the animals in the once famous zoological garden of this city have died from starvation, for the food necessary to keep them alive is needed for humans.

All of the seals have perished. They depended on salt water fish and when the supply ran out a few weeks ago the seals became ill and died one after another. Lack of fuel and proper care has of course been a contributing cause of the troubles of the Budapest zoo, which in previous days boasted some of the finest specimens in southeastern Europe.

After Premier Brand has taken the guns from the Germans he might be able to give some good hints on liberating American bandits.

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